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2/7[\[Feb. 7\] Acting Administrator Video; Employee Engagement; W2s in PeoplePlus; Feb. is Cancer Awareness Month; Download Apps](#)by Kampen, Kendall at 2:26 PM in [EPA Newsletter](#)

Senior Leadership Message

See Acting Administrator Catherine McCabe's Feb. 6 [video update](#) on the latest transition developments

Hot Topics

[EPA continues forward momentum on employee engagement](#)

Employee engagement is key to both individual and organizational productivity and job satisfaction. From 2015 to 2016, our Agency saw its Employee Engagement Index increase by 4 percentage points. Only a handful of federal agencies saw such a gain!

Building upon this success, the Agency established the Engagement Community of Practice (CoP). The CoP provides the platform for sharing lessons learned and best practices and creating positive change in employee engagement. The CoP meets monthly and each Program Office and Regional Office is represented by its Human Resources Officer and HR Project Management Officer. Other supervisors and managers are encouraged to participate as well..

Investing in engagement pays off! A [Gallup study](#) of 1.4 million workers showed that having engaged employees increases productivity, inclusiveness and quality of work, while decreasing turnover and absenteeism.

To learn more, please view our [Engagement E-Library](#) or contact Gary Parker at Parker.Gary@epa.gov.

[2016 W-2s available in Employee Express](#)

The 2016 W-2s are now available in [Employee Express](#) for viewing and printing. If employees elected to have electronic W-2s, they will not receive a hard copy of the W2 form in the mail. All employees are responsible for accessing Employee Express and printing their W-2 forms. All inactive employees will have their W-2s mailed. Hard copy W-2s are in the process of being printed and prepared for mailing.

The 2016 1095-C Employer-Provided Health Insurance Offer and Coverage is also available in Employee Express for viewing and printing. Hard copy 1095Cs are in the process of being printed and prepared for mailing as well.

Key Dates

[Happening This Week:](#)

Feb. 8: [African American History Month Observance](#)

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Feb. 8: [How to Use Online CFRs webinar](#)

Coming Soon:

Feb. 15: [Employees: Early Time & Attendance for Pay Period Ending Feb. 18](#)

Feb. 16: [Sups&Mang: Early Time & Attendance for Pay Period Ending Feb. 18](#)

Feb. 20: [President's Day \(Holiday\)](#)

Feb. 21: [How to Use Online CFRs webinar](#)

Mar. 2: [Lean Overview Webinar](#)

Apr. 6: [Lean Overview Webinar](#)

Video Spotlight

[Acting Administrator McCabe's Second Transition Update](#)

Health and Wellness

February is National Cancer Prevention Month

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, cancer claims the lives of more than 500,000 Americans annually. There are more than 100 different cancer types that can develop in almost any bodily organ or tissue. To reduce your risk for cancer:

- Get screenings as recommended by your personal physician;
- Maintain a healthy weight by eating a balanced diet and exercising regularly;
- Stop smoking;
- Get available vaccines;
- Limit alcohol consumption.
- Protect your skin from the sun; and
- Have your home tested for radon gas.

For more information, please visit the [EPA cancer awareness page](#).

IT Corner

Download apps, software updates on EPA devices via GreenEPA Wi-Fi

We have great news for employees who use EPA-issued Apple devices. Wi-Fi is now available on those devices at agency locations across the country. Easily download approved mobile apps and install system updates on your EPA iPhones and iPads while at work via GreenEPA Wi-Fi (this does not include Windows devices). Unfortunately, GreenEPA Wi-Fi for mobile devices does not allow users to access the agency intranet.

For more information on GreenEPA Wi-Fi, visit the [Mobile Devices intranet site](#) and refer to the "Happening Now" section on the right. Check out the [How to Confirm Your Mobile Device is Connected to GreenEPA](#) document.

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